## Passport to Paradise

By MYRA KELLY, Author of "Little Citizens," a Book of These East Side Stories.

Aaronsohn were turned by a long-suffering truant officer, in the direction
of room 18. During her first few hours
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she sadly realized the great and many
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not appear, though Yetta lived in constant terror and expected that every
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dread avenger. Gonorowsky, Morris Mogilewsky, Patrick Brennan and other favored spirits who basked in the sunshine of teacher's regard. For with a face too white, hair too straight, dresses too short and

Miss Bailey had already appointed her monitors, organized her kingdom, and was so hedged about with servitors and assistants that her wishes were acted upon before a stranger Bailey. could surmise them, and her cabinet,

During recess time Yetta learned that

no kind feelin's over you. She don't lets you should set by her side; she

yesterday on the morning und she don't mit me.

"No. She don't need she should holler

gets killed as anything over it."

'You get biles on your bones from off of cops sooner you comes late on don't know, neither, what is clubs-"I know what are they," the more a house mit man's faces in the win-

"I don't likes it, I have a 'fraid over it!" wailed Yetta. "I don't know does what you want to do. You leave your my mamma likes I should come some- mamma wash your dress." wheres where cops mit buttons makes

ealthy for me."
"Sooner you don't comes late on the "She'd like it, all right, all right. of her school life Yetta was very early I done it und she had a glad." and very dirty.

discussed with the newcomer.

'Miss Bailey is a awful nice teach-On'y she's fancy.'

und by days ain't stylish fer school.' Und I guess she knows what is stylish. I ain't never in my world seen no styl-

isher teacher." Yetta. The same misgiving had visited other sun, Eva, but she thrust it loyally from

'They're the latest," she declared. "Mine dress is a buttoned-inmaybe, kind feelin's, sooner she sees orowsky shone triumphant. how I puts me on mit buttons on mine

"Sure could she!" cried the sustaining Eva

Could she have kind feelin's sooner me? Oh, Eva, could she have feelin's over me?

"Sooner you makes all them things she of somethings. "Be you monitors?" demanded Yetta

an sudden awe. 'Off of pencils. Ain't you seen how touch. I gives 'em out und takes 'em up? She

after unfolding countless layers of ra- of the strongest children required Constance Bailey," and Yetta regarded its purpose. it with envying eyes.

"What does it says?" she asked.
"Well," admitted Eva, with reluctant candor, "I couldn't to read them words, that Miss Bailey was forced to sacribut I guess it says I should come all fice Yetta's physical development to places what I wants the while I'm good the general discipline and to anchor

"Can you go all places where you wants mit it?"

"Sure could you."

"On theaytres?"

"On the Central park?"

"On the country? Oh, I guess you couldn't to go on the country mit it?" "Sure could you. All places what you for some method of dealing with a child wants you could to go sooner Missis so wistful of eyes and so damaging of Bailey writes on paper how you is good habits.

"Oh, how I likes she should write like that fer me. Oh, how I likes I ity and regularity of attendance to all. should be monitors off of somethings." which she can inspire her class, and "" "I tell you what you want to do: Yetta was reducing Miss Bailey's avwash your hands!" cried Eva, with sudden inspiration. "She's crazy for what is clean. You wash your hands asked over the third time in und your face. She could to have feel- one week, and through Yetta's noisy

For some mornings thereafter Yetta and "mamma."

"Powers above!" ejaculated Patrick the school tomorrow morning,"
Brennan, with the ostentatious virtue "Teacher, she couldn't. She ain't get legs too long, one runs a poor chance legs too long, one runs a poor chance of the recently reformed, "here's that in rivalry with more blessed and beof the recently reformed, "here's that school, either."

"Teacher, she couldn't. She am got time. Und she don't know where is the correctness. "All times they opens, and where is the correctness. The new kid, in copious tears, en-

looks" and cringed. "Why are you late?" demanded Miss

from the leader of the line to the moni- culprit, and the eyes with which she tor of the gold-fish bowl, presented an regarded Eva Gonorowsky added tear- out, doesn't she, to do shopping and to your room all times for see her friends?" your room all times for see her friends?"

class bureau of etiquette and of savoir faire, warned the newcomer.

"Sooner you comes on the school mit dirt on the face she wouldn't to have the day's and your were washing your sews. Und sooner I ctands up in mornings my mamma sews. All, all, all times she sews."

"I tells you 'scuse," pleaded Yetta, times she sews."

"And where is your father? Doesn't below." "Very well, I'll forgive you today. I he help?" suppose I must tolerate you."

Another peculiarity was announced frightened over it. I swear. I kiss they should buy somethings from off beautiful things on your card, my by Sadie Gonorowsky. "So you comes up to God, I wouldn't never no more late on the school, she has fierce mads, come late on the school. I don't need ley, that ain't how they makes mit my When the Grand street car had borned to the school when the Grand street car had borned to the school when the Grand street car had borned to the school when the Grand street car had borned to the school when the Grand street car had borned to the school when the Grand street car had borned to the school when the grand to the school when the school when the grand to the school when the school Patrick Brennan, he comes late over nobody should make nothings like that poor papa. They zoes und makes dogs Miss Bailey away Yetta turned to Eva

when she has mads. She looks on you danger so narrowly escaped to tell this "I'm going home with you this after- them. mit long-mad-proud-looks und you charming but strangely ignorant young don't needs no holers. She could to have mads 'out sayin' nothings und a most time-consuming process. Yetyou could to have a scare over it. It's ta's one-roomed house was on the top fierce. Und extra she goes und tells it floor, the sixth, and the only water more bearable in the home of the abneeds my mamma should go by my fense. "Patrick tells me how his papa water. This formed the family's daily And, friendly relations being estabhits him awful mit a club. I don't store and there was no surplus to be lished, Yetta's cravings for know what is a club on'y Patrick says squandered. But to win Teacher's ship grew with the passing days, it makes him biles on all his bones." commendation she had bent her tired When she expressed to Teacher her commendation she had bent her tired energies to another trip, and, behold, willingness to hold office she was met her reward was a scolding.

the school?" gasps Yetta. "Nobody Eva Gonorowsky was terribly disain't tell me nothings over that. I tressed, and the plaintive sobs which, Eva Gonorowsky was terribly disfrom time to time, rent the bosom of conscience. Desperately she cast about dows. It's full from mans by night, for some device by which Teacher's Ikey Borracksohn's papa's got one mit favor might be reclaimed, and all jubilantly she imparted it to Yetta. "Say," she whispered.

"I don't know would she like it.

school nobody makes like that mit ain't I tell you how she is crazy fer care of the children when I am not in her first born. One by one you," Eva reminded the panic-stricken what is clean? You get your dress the room." newcomer, and for the first three days washed and it will look awful diff'rent.

Now a mamma who supports a fam-Miss Bailey, with gentle tact, deliv- fly by the making of buttonholes, for ered little lectures upon the use and one hundred of which she receives nine day." beauty of soap and water, lectures cents, has little time for washing, and It was a disastrous experiment. The which Eva Gonorowsky applied to and Yetta determined-unaided and unad- First Reader Class, serenely good uner," she began one afternoon, "I never from the sixth floor to the yard and tons of his sire pinned to the breast out for school she demanded and obmy world seen no nicer teacher. back again, she begged a piece of soap of his shirt-waist, found nothing to tained from one of them safe conduct "I seen how she's fancy," Yetta set valiantly to work. And Eva's Miss Bailey returned to her kingdom Gonorowsky had interpreted the tale greed. "She's got her hair done fancy prophecy was fulfilled. The dress to find it in an uproar and her regent of Yetta's disappearance, could suggest mit combs und her waist is from fancy looked "awful diff'rent" when it had in tears. dried to half its already scant propor-"Yes, she's fancy," Eva continued. tions. From various sources Yetta Yetta walled. "All the boys shows a "She likes you should put you on awful clean. Say, what you think, she llar design and color, and, with great on me, all the children says cheek on sends a boy home once-mit notes, difficulty, since her hands were puffed me-I don't likes it. I hates it." even-the while he puts him on mit and clumsy from long immersion in dirty sweaters. She says like this: strong suds, she affixed them to the Teacher comforted her. "You needn't 'Sweaters what you wears by nights back of the dress and fell into her be a monitor if you don't wish." corner of the family couch to dream of Miss Bailey's surprise and joy when On'y not that kind from monitors." the blended plaid should be revealed unto her. Surely, if there were any "I don't know be buttoned-in-back gratitude in the hearts of teachers. dresses the style this year," ventured Yetta should be, ere the sinking of an-"monitors off of somethings."

That Teacher was surprised, no one who saw the glance of puzzled inquiry "It's good they're in style," sighed with which she greeted the entrance of the transformed Yetta, could doubt back dress, too. On'y I loses me the That she had a glad, Yetta. who saw buttons from off it. I guess I sews the stare replaced by a smile of recog-'em on again. Teacher could to have, nition, was proudly assured. Eva Gon-

"Ain't I tell you," she whispered jubilantly, as she made room upon her little bench and drew Yetta down be-"Ain't I tell you how she is crazy for what is clean? Und I ain't I puts me on mit buttons on mine back never seen nothings what is clean like und makes all things what is nice fer you be. You smells off of soap even." It was not surprising, for Yetta had omitted the rinsing which some laun-"Sure could she," repeated Eva. dresses advise. She had wasted none of the janitor lady's gift. It was all could to make you, maybe, monitors oil in the meshes of the flannel dress, to which it lent, in addition to its reassuring perfume, a smooth, damp the breach. slipperiness most pleasing to the

The athletic members of the First gives me, too, a piece of paper mit Reader Class were made familiar with writings on it. Sooner I shows it on this quality before the day was over the big boys what stands by the door for, at the slightest exertion of its in the yard, sooner they lets me I wearer, the rainbow dress sprang, come right up by teacher's chrysalis-like, widely open up the back. room. You could to look on it." And, Then were the combined efforts of two per and of cheese-cloth handkerchief, drag the edges into apposition, while she exhibited her talisman. It was an Eva guided the buttons to their reordinary visiting card with a line of spective holes and Yetta "let go of her writing under it neatly engraved: "Miss breath" with an energy which defeated

> These interruptions of the class routine were so inevitable a consequence of Swedish exercises and gymnastics, her in quiet waters during the frequent periods of drill. When she had been in time she sat at Teacher's desk in a glow of love and pride. When she had een late she stood in the corner near the bookcase and repented of her sin. despite all her exertions and Eva's promptings, she was still occa-

> Miss Bailey was seriously at a loss A teacher's standing on the books of the board of education depends, to a degree, upon the punctual-

repentance she heard hints of "store"

heartbroken and uncomplaining.
"Well, then," began Miss Bailey,

"That's nonsense. You live only two

"She don't never pass no corner. She Bailey. don't never come on the street. My "I washes mine face," whimpered the mamma ain't got time. She sews."

"So I see, but that is no reason for being late. You have been late twice time she should have 'em. She sews all We'll take care of one another's butteacher was further intrenched in a day, morning and afternoon, for the groundless prejudice. Sarah Schodsky, last three days, and your only excuse bies on the bed by night my mamma You know what to do with it?"

"And where is your father? Doesn't girls.

don't lets you should be monitors off of somethings; she don't lets you should be monitors off of somethings; she don't lets you should bailey, don't you do it," screamed Yet-und he walk und he walk one of the best little girls in the world. Bailey, don't you do it," screamed Yet-und he walk mit all things what is so useful to your mother and to the make an'thing what is nice for you."

The walk und he walk und he walk one of the best little girls in the world. So useful to your mother and to the stylish in a box. On'y nobody wants babies and to me! Oh, yes, I'll write should bite him on the legs. That's with determination in her eye and the lets he should march first on the "Oh, it's not so bad," Miss Bailey re- how he tells in a letter what he writes assured her. "And you must expect on my mamma. Comes no money in the country for see my something to happen if you will come late to school for no reason at all."

assured her. "And you must expect on my mamma. Comes no money in the letter und me und my mamma we late to school for no reason at all."

got it pretty hard. We got three then things what teacher tells stands."

out to Patrick's papa—he's the cop mit supply was in the yard. Since the day buttons what stands by the corner— her father had packed "assorted no- how Patrick comes late und Patrick" into a black and shiny box and glad. There was a gentleness almost er teacher gives me paper mit writets killed as anything over it."

had set out to seek his very elusive apologetic in her manner towards fortunes in the country, Yetta had Yetta, and the hour after which an armanner towards ings?" ed Eva Gonorowsky. She had heard toiled three times a morning from the rival should be met with a long-proudher hero's name and sprang to his de- yard to her room with a tin pail full of mad-look was indefinitely postponed.

with unsatisfying and baffling generalities. "But, surely, I shall let you be mon-

itor some day. I have monitors for Yetta's dingy plaid dress were as so nearly everything under the sun now, side. She would presently return, they learned Sarah Schodsky began. "It's many blows upon the adviser's bruised but perhaps I shall think of something assured the distraught Mrs. Aaronsohn, "I likes," faltered Yetta, "I likes I

should be monitors off of flowers."
"But Nathan Spiderwitz takes care of the window boxes. He won't let did not come. The reminiscent mothers even me touch them. Think what he talked themselves into silence, the dewould do to you."

like that mit me. I don't know is it washes mine face fer her und she has to set by your place when you goes by bed.—she has healthy for me."

Agronson carried them up to bed.—she has to set by your place when you goes by bed.—she of her outer aspect the Principal's office."

"He marches first by the line, too. He's two monitors." "He truly is," agreed Miss Bailey. "Well, I shall let you try that some

vised—to be her own laundress. She der the eye of Patrick Brennan, who made endless trips with her tin pail wore one of the discarded brass but- dren of happier women were setting from the friendly "janitor lady" and fear or to obey in his supplanter, and to room 18. But teacher, when Eva

"I don't likes it. I don't likes it,"

"Then you shan't do it again," "But I likes I shall be monitors. "Well, if you can think of some-

try again. But it must be something, mother. "I shall go with you to look dear, that no one is doing for me." But Yetta could think of nothing Eva." until one afternoon when she was sitish drill. All about her were Teacher's pencils were deserted by their monitor;

ample-to strenuous waving of arms weary blocks away, they came and bending of bodies. bent, Miss Bailey and her buttoned-in- the charm of her manner tons in a shower upon the smooth blot- a policeman's button.

pins from posts of trust in her attire, while Mrs. Aaronsohn showered abuse

Yetta, her mouth ful of pins, exhibited he is." the buttons. "Dear me! teacher. range it for me. And now will you brace. watch it? You'll tell me if it should

open again?' voice her triumphant:

should be monitors. Teacher, mine dear teacher, could I be monitors off of the er. I gave her the card becauseback of your dress?"

glad reality. After common mortals a cop-I shows him the paper evenhad gone home at 3 o'clock, room 13 und he makes I shall come here on the was transformed into a land where cop's houses where my papa don't only monitors and love abounded. And stands und birds don't stands und flowthe new monitor was welcomed by the ers don't stands." existing staff, for she had supplanted "When next you existing staff, for she had supplanted no one and was so palpitatingly happy that Patrick Branan forgave her earmed know. You have frightened us all her new divinity. lier usurpation of his office and Nathan dreadfully and that is a very naughty turns me the dress around. Buttoned-Spiderwitz bestowed upon her the free-thing to do. If ever you run away in-front mit, from-gold-button-suits is

dom of the window boxes. have a crawley bug from off of the when you used to come late to school. Eva with loyal eyes upon the neatly flowers, you tell me and I'll catch one I shall have to tolerate you." fer you. I got lots. I don't ned 'em

tured Yetta, and Nathan cusnared one buttoned person behind the blotter. Yetta. "Sure I know how is it. Only and put it in her hand, where it "craw- "Und I ain't got no scare over cops, I don't know be they so stylish. Cops gilewsky begged it for his gold-fish polite mit me und gives me I should somethin' grand! I turns me the dress in their "fish-theaytre." Then Eva eat, und I ain't seen them clube." lied" most pleasingly until Morris Mo- neither. I never in min's world what is ain't got 'em, und oh, Eva, Cops is shared with her friend and protege the delights of sharpening countless must never do it again," and then

plunted and bitten pencils upon a piece of sandpaper. "Say," whispered Yetta, as they worked busily and dirtily. "Say, I'm monitors now. On'y I ain't got no

"You ask her. She'll give you one"
"I'd have a shamed the while she School had been for some months in was clean—and late. Miss Bailey overprogress when the footsteps of Yetta Aaronsohn were turned by a long-suf-some of "the reated the offender with some of the reated the offender with some of the reated the offender with some gives me und my mamma whole bun h that paper awful much. I needs I shall go on the country for see mine papa." "No, she don't thinks you are greely. Ain't you monitors on the back of her waist? You should come up here 'fore the children comes for see how her buttons stands. You go und tell her, 'Teacher,' she began, 'buttoned-in-you needs that paper.'"

Very diplomatically Yetta did. "Yes, honey," Miss Bailey acquiesced, "so I thought when I saw that you wear one.'

yours and mine, und that makes us Again Miss Bailey acquiesced

"So-o-oh," pursued Yetta, with fast beating heart; 'don't you wants you should give me somethings from paper "But she can't sew always. She goes mit writings on it so I could come on

sews. Und sooner I ctands up in mornings my mamma sews. All, all, all how I could come where I wants sooner you write on papers how I is good

"I'll write nicer things than that on "Teacher, he's on the country. He yours," said Miss Bailey. "You are

"paper mit writings" in her hand.
"I'm goin' in the country for see my late to school for no reason at all." got it pretty hard. We got three then things what teacher tells stands in the country. I need I should see in the country. I need I should see

"'Out your mamma?" Eva remon

"Sure,

"Sure could you," Eva repeated solemnly. "There ain't no place where you couldn't to go mit it."

"I'll go on the country," said Yetta. That evening Mrs. Aaronsohn joined her neighbors upon the doorstep for the first time in seven years. For Yetta was lost. The neighbors were comforting, but not resourceful. They all knew Yetta; knew her to be sensible and mature for her years, even according to the exacting standard of the east and pending that happy event they en-tertained the bereaved parent with details of the wanderings and home-cornings of their own offspring. But Yetta talked themselves into silence, the deserted babies cried themselves to sleep. "Then I likes I should be monitors Mrs. Aaronsohn carried them up to of her own door-and returned to the "But Patrick Brennan always takes then deserted doorstep to watch for the sewing machines stopped, and the restless night of the quarter closed down. She was afraid to go even as far as the corner in search of the fugitive lest she could not have recognized the house which

held her home. All her hopes were centered upon the coming of Miss Bailey. When the chil-

no explanation. "She was here until half-past three. Then she and Eva walked with me to the corner. Did she tell you, dear, where she was going?"

"Teacher, yiss ma'am. She says she goes on the country for see her papa und birds und flowers.'

When this was put into Jewish, Mrs. Aaronsohn found it neither comforting nor reassuring. Miss Bailey was puzzled, but undismayed thing you would enjoy I shall let you her," she promised the now tearful for her. Say that in Jewish for me,

The Principal lent a substitute; room sing at Teacher's desk during a Swed- 18 was deserted by its sovereign; the things her large green blotter, her and Mrs. Aaronsohn, Miss Bailey and "from gold" ink-stand and pens, her Eva Gonorowsky-official interpreterwhere the fairles lived. Miss set out for the nearest drug store Bailey was standing directly in front where a telephone might be. They inof the desk and encouraging the First spected several unclaimed children be-Reader Class-by command and by ex- fore, in the station of a precinct many Yetta. She was more dirty and be "Forward, bend," commanded, and draggled than she had ever been, but back-waist followed the example of less changed, and, hung about her neck fashionable models, shed its pearl but- upon a dirty piece of string, she wore

ter and gave Yetta the inspiration for "One of the men brought her in here which she had been waiting. She gath- at ten o'clock last night," the man be-"One of the men brought her in here ered the buttons, extracted numerous hind the blotter informed Miss Bailey, and when Miss Bailey had returned to and caresses upon the wanderer. "She her chair, gently set about repairing was straying around the Bowery and she gave us a great game of talk "What is it?" asked Miss Bailey, about her father being a bird. I guess

"My papa und birds on the country. All those off!" exclaimed I likes I shall go there," said Yetta "It was good of you to ar- from the depths of her mother's em-

"There, that's what she tells everybody. She has a card there with a Yetta had then disposed the pins to Christian name and no address on it. the best advantage and was free to I was going to try to identify her by looking for this Miss Constance Bai-

"Oh, I knows now how I wants I ley."

"Oh, I knows now how I wants I ley."

"That is my name. I am her teach-"I'm monitors. I should go all places "But surely you may," laughed what I wants the while I'm good girls teacher, and Yetta entered straight- und Teacher writes it on pieces from way into the heaven of fulfilled de- paper. On'y I ain't want I should come on no cops' house. I likes I should go None of Eva's descriptions of the joys on the country for see my papa und of monitorship had done justice to the birds und flowers. I says like that on

again I shall have to keep the prom-"Ever when you likes you should ise I made to you long and long ago,

got no more scare over that," said she Teacher's waist?" "I likes I shall have one now,' ven- with a soft smile towards the brass Then Eva eat, und I ain't seen them clubs," protege the "Well," continued Reacher,



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turned her attention to the very erration spelling of Sergeant Moloney's official record of the flight of Yetta Aaron-

"Say," whispered Eva, and there was a tinge of jealousy in her soft voice, "who gives you the button like Patrick Brennan's got?"

"The cop," Yetta breathed, pointing a dirty, but reverential finger towards in-front mit, from-gold-button-suits is awful stylish. He's got 'em." "Thing shame how you says," cried

But Yetta was undismayed. "I ain't Miss Bailey, "ain't you seen how is "Ain't I monitors of it?" demanded

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